Modern System Delayed? Postponed? Stay tuned!

We received the following information from **Dave Snyder**, DASA (CPP) on 18 May 00:

"This note is to update you on a couple of key points that were covered or made clear during the 5/16 CPMS Executive Committee Meeting concerning the modern system. I remain committed to making sure we put a system in place that works for us and supports our processing needs. I do expect some transition issues and the need for system adjustments once fully fielded. I appreciate your continued support as we work through issues and adjust our plans to ensure our success.

"Milestone III approval is pending. CPMS is attempting to resolve two outstanding issues. 1) The level of testing, that will be done related to Pre Planned Upgrades with the testing community, is currently being negotiated and 2) Dr. Disney is consolidating Component comments into an MOU to be signed by Army, Navy, Air Force, Washington Headquarters Service, and CPMS that covers agreed upon FOC deployment requirements.

"No revised FOC [Full Operational Capability] deployment dates will be provided by CPMS until after the Milestone III approval. It was clear from the discussion that **a delay in the current** (i.e. beginning with 9 June SE deployment) **schedule would occur but no new dates were discussed or provided and won't be until after the Milestone III approval.** [emphasis added—ed.] As a result, some actions, e.g. moritorium on personnel actions, TTT training, etc., must be postponed until a new schedule is finalized. Other actions, e.g. data clean up, organizational hierarchy development, etc., will continue in order to ensure our readiness when the new schedule is provided."

As we learn more, we will pass the information along to you.

Virtually Gone!

The following is the complete text of a message from **Betty Throckmorton**, Chief, Policy and Program Development Division, ASA(M&RA), dated 15 May 00, and is good news for all of us.

"This is a heads up of pending new guidance advising that there is no longer a need to build virtual military positions in preparation for modern system deployment.

"As you may be aware, the ORACLE position hierarchy feature proved very labor intensive and problematic in the Army Pacific region. Army subsequently proposed, and CPMS accepted, a solution to ORACLE position hierarchy for modern. This alternative approach is scheduled to be loaded in the Pacific region in the near future.

"The Army alternate solution follows the same basic approach to security as the PPIs. For this reason, there is no longer a need for Army CPOCs to build "virtual military" supervisory positions as part of preparation for deployment to modern.

"We will issue this new guidance by formal memo in the very near future."

Printer requirements

Our West coast correspondent, **Jackie Putnam,** has identified printer requirements for various documents, and coordinated this with the Army PO-CPR (Project Officer-Civilian Personnel Regionalization), who agreed with these requirements. The good news is that it looks like the need for IP addressable printers will not be great.

- Standard Reports from Customer Service Unit (CSU): These are the same reports available to PPI users in Regional Application**. Printer requirement:** Nothing special needed. These reports can be printed from local printer attached to user's PC.

- Request for Personnel Action (RPA), Notification of Personnel Action (NPA), and Request for Training (RTF): Terminology changed from SF-52; SF-50; and DD Form 1556. **Printer requirement:** Nothing special needed. Ghostview software will be run at the Citrix server not the local PC.

- Non-Standard Reports from the CPOC server: these are special reports, not the "canned reports" found in the CSU. We expect most of these reports will be needed by the CPAC and possibly Admin POCs**.   Printer requirement:** IP addressable printer registered in the CPOC.

- Reports generated from report-writer tool (Business Objects): Business Objects to be provided by DA to CPACs so that CPACs can retrieve any type of information found in MDCPDS. **Printer requirement:** Nothing special needed. Reports can be printed from printer attached to PC.

Missed an update? These are now posted on our website: http://www.hq.usace.army.mil/cehr/d/mainhrd.htm

More to come...

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